

COMMEMORATIVE SUMMIT

Anwar hopes to improve ties with Japan

BANGI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim expects to improve cooperation with Japan through the Commemorative Summit on the 50th Year of Asean-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, which will be held from today.

He said he will meet Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Anwar is also scheduled for an audience with Japan's

Emperor Naruhito.

"We hope to improve cooperation in economy, trade and investment," he said after performing Friday prayers at the Surau Al-Kauthar here yesterday.

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The Commemorative Summit on the 50th Year of Asean-Japan Friendship and Cooperation will be held from Dec 16 to 18 in Tokyo, Japan.

The theme of the summit is "Golden Friendship, Golden Opportunities".

Japan was the first country to partner with Asean, establishing ties in 1973.

The relationship was cemented with the First Asean-Japan Summit in Kuala Lumpur in 1977 and continues to be supported by trust, respect and commitment.